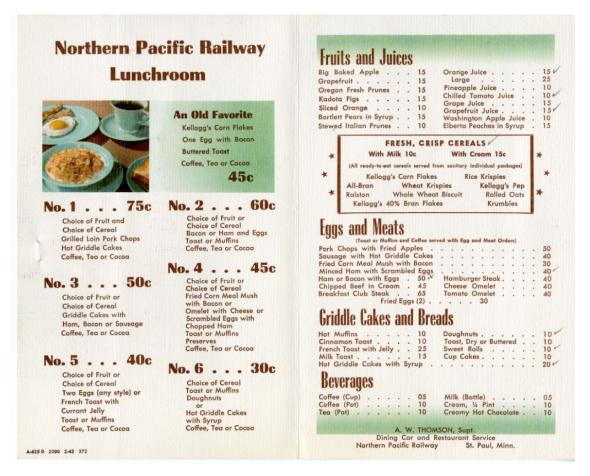


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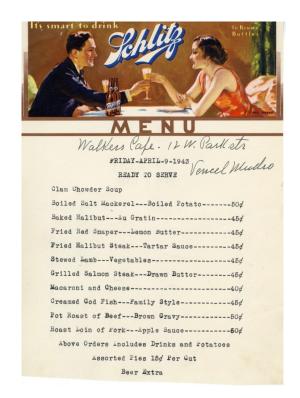
May I take your order? World War II Era Menus from the Mountain West

Records held by the National Archives aren't always simply those created by federal agencies; they often can be records submitted to the federal government as evidence or proof of something. And during World War II, that included menus.



The Office of Price Administration was created shortly before the U.S entry into WWII and was tasked with the authority to ration supplies needed for the war effort, such as gasoline, and place price controls on goods and services, such as rents and the price of a steak at the local restaurant. A recent project at the National Archives at Denver to better describe their Record Group 188 Records of the Office of Price Administration turned up nearly 100 menus from cafes, coffee shops, and restaurants across the mountain west that had been sent to the agency for approval of prices. These menus offer a fascinating snapshot of the sort of dishes and cocktails one might order when eating out.









Want to try your hand and transcribing these menus? See our newest mission on the Citizen Archivist Dashboard! For these transcriptions, don't worry too much about matching the format and layout of each menu. Focus on adding the titles, text, and even prices that you see into the transcription field. We challenge you to transcribe these menus without getting hungry...

Learn more about these fascinating records in this <u>Text Message blog post</u> by Cody White, Archivist at the National Archives at Denver.

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Tag a Veteran

The focus of this mission is on identifying and tagging names found within the records, rather than a transcription. Please find the names of veterans and place them in the tag field of each individual page. This kind of tagging makes it easier for veterans and their family members to find their names in the Catalog.



Petitions for Naturalizations

Help make copies of naturalization records for individuals who filed in federal, state and local courts in New York from 1790 through 1906 searchable through tagging. Look for the names of the petitions within the record and type the names you see in the tag field.



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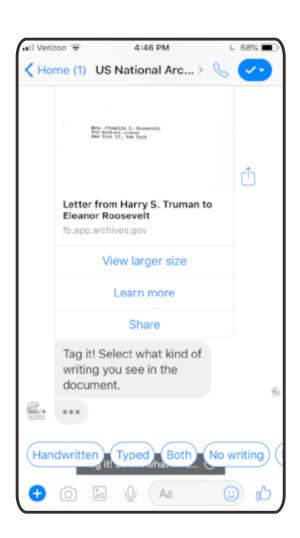
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